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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ART. I.—NAME.

The Association shall be known as the
"PRESS ASSOCIATION, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC."

ART. II.—MEMBERS.

It shall consist of all persons who are regular members of the press, either as members of the editorial or business staff of a newspaper published in the Province of Quebec, and whose professed means of livelihood is by newspaper work. But no one holding merely a financial interest in a paper or who is only an occasional contributor or correspondent shall be eligible for membership to this Association.

ART. III.—OFFICERS.

The officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, who with five ordinary members shall form the executive committee, all of whom shall be chosen annually by ballot. A majority of

ballots cast being in each case necessary to an election.

QUORUM.

Three of the executive committee to form a quorum.

ART. IV.—MEETINGS.

The regular annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held in Montreal, on the first Friday of December in each year, at a time and place to be decided upon by the executive committee. Notice whereof shall be given to each member by circular at least two weeks before such meeting.

QUORUM.

Seven to form a quorum. In the event of a quorum not being obtained at any annual meeting, the officers then in power shall remain so and stand duly elected for the ensuing year.

ART. V.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Candidates for office shall be nominated from the list of ordinary members.

When two or more candidates are nominated for any office a ballot shall be taken ;

but if only one candidate be nominated he shall be declared duly elected.

ART. VI.—VACANCIES, HOW FILLED.

In the event of the death, removal from the Province, or expulsion from any cause of any of the officers of the Association during their incumbency, a successor or successors shall be elected for the balance of the term by the executive committee, at a meeting to be called for that special purpose.

ART. VII.—DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association at which he is present; submit all motions in order, and otherwise discharge the duties of his office according to usage.

He shall, on the requisition of three members of the executive committee, call a meeting of that committee; or, on the requisition of seven of the non-official members, he shall call a special general meeting of the Association. Of all special meetings so called, five days notice shall be given by usual course.

ART. VIII.—DUTIES OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The Vice-Presidents, according to their seniority, shall, in absence of the President, preside at meetings and otherwise fulfil the duties appertaining to the office of President.

ART. IX.—DUTIES OF SEC.-TREAS.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep the minutes of each meeting, have charge of the books of record and other documents belonging to the Association; to issue the certificates of membership, keeping a register of the same; notify members of the time and place of meetings, and have charge of all moneys or other property of the Association, and disburse the same. He shall also report to the annual meeting the number of members and the financial position of the Association.

The remuneration of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be in the hands of the executive committee, and shall be a first charge against the funds of the Association after payment of the ordinary running expenses.

ART. X.—DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Com-

mittee to prepare business for the Association, to report to the annual meeting upon nominations of candidates that may have been submitted, and to whom certificates were refused, to investigate all cases of infraction of the Constitution and By-Laws, and report the result of such examination at the first succeeding annual meeting of the Association, and transact such other business as they may deem necessary in the interests of the Association.

ART. XI.—TERM OF MEMBERSHIP.

Term of membership shall be one year, running from 1st January to 31st December in each year.

ART. XII.—APPLICATIONS.

Applications for Membership shall be made on the following form (to be obtained from the Secretary-Treasurer):—

Application.

Dated at _____ 188

Secretary-Treasurer, Press Association, Province of Quebec, Montreal.

Sir,—Please submit my name to the exe-

cutive committee to be enrolled as a member of the Press Association, Province of Quebec, on account of the——— of which I am———

I declare that I am duly qualified for membership under Article II. of the constitution of your Association, and if a certificate be issued to me, I hereby agree to conform to the rules of the Association.

Annexed is certificate of the publisher, as to my eligibility for membership—

[Art. II. here quoted.]

(Certificate required when the Applicant is other than the Publisher or Chief Editor.)

I certify that Mr.——— is a *bona fide* newspaper man, according to the spirit of Article II. of the constitution above quoted, and that he is actively engaged on the——— of which I am———, and I consider him justly entitled to the privilege applied for.

——— Proprietor (or) Editor.

Dated———188 .

The Secretary-Treasurer shall forthwith submit the application to the executive committee, and if that committee approve of the same he will then issue the certifi-

cate entitling the holder to the privileges of the Association.

ART. XIII.—SUSPENDED MEMBERS AND
REJECTED APPLICANTS.

Suspended members and rejected applicants for membership shall have the right of appeal to a special general meeting of the Association, called in the ordinary way as provided. The same to be convened on application within two weeks from date of suspension or rejection, and the question to be determined by a two-thirds vote.

ART. XIV.—MEMBERSHIP FEE.

The admission fee of the Association shall be Two Dollars, and thereafter an annual sum of same amount payable only in advance. The certificate of membership shall not be extended to any one until this fee be paid.

ART. XV.—WITHDRAWING PRIVILEGES.

The executive committee shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to suspend the privileges of the Association from any member who may conduct himself in an

unbecoming manner, calculated to bring discredit on the Association.

ART. XVI.—FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

The form of certificate shall be as follows :

(Established 1876.)

No.

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Press Association, Province of Quebec.

This is to certify that Mr. ————of ————
is a member of the Press Association, Province of Quebec, for the year 188

——— President. ———— Sec. Treas.

This certificate (which expires 31st Dec., 188), is not transferable, and must not be presented or used for the purpose of procuring a ticket at reduced rate for any other than the party to whom it is granted.

ART. XVII.—CERTIFICATES NOT TRANSFERABLE.

Certificates shall not be transferable. Members may at any time sever their connection with the Association by surrendering their Certificate to the Secretary-Treasurer, and notifying that officer of their desire so to do. And it shall be the duty of any member severing their connection with the active

duties of the Press to surrender their certificate.

ART. XVIII.—AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of members present. One month's notice in writing of such proposed amendment shall be given to the Secretary, who shall embody the exact terms of any such amendment in the notice calling the annual meeting.

